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SUBJECT: BOUMEDIENE ANNOUNCES ELECTIONS FOR NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AND
PRESIDENT

1. IN 19 JUNE SPEECH AT ELABORATE CEREMONIES MARKING TENTH
ANNIVERSARY OF HIS OVERTHROW OF BEN BELLA, BOUMEDIENE ANNOUNCED:

A. CREATION OF NATIONAL COMMISSION TO WRITE "NATIONAL
CHARTER"; PROPOSED TEXT TO BE OPENED TO COMMENT BY ALL AND
THEN PROMULGATED AS "FUNDAMENTAL LAW" AND BASE FOR FUTURE
ACTION OF THE REVOLUTION;

B. INTENTION TO HOLD ELECTIONS WITHIN ONE YEAR FOR
"ASSEMBLEE POPULAIRE NATIONALE" AND FOR PRESIDENT OF REPUBLIC.

2. FULL TEXT OF LENGTHY, RAMBLING SPEECH NOT YET AVAILABLE.

3. HOLDING OF ELECTIONS PRESUMABLY DESIGNED IN PART TO GIVE
GLOSS OF LIBERTY AND LEGITIMACY TO CURRENT RULE. ABSENCE
OF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AND OF ANY ELECTORAL RATIFICATION OF
REGIME HAS BEEN ONE OF MAJOR POINTS OF EXILED OPPOSITION
GROUPS.

4. IN ADDITION, REGIME HAS BEEN ATTEMPTING TO GALVANIZE FLN.
BOUMEDIENE PRESUMABLY HOPING THAT GIVING PARTY SOMETHING TO
DO AND OFFERING POSSIBILITY OF PRESTIGE AND SALARY OF NATIONAL
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ASSEMBLY MIGHT STIR IT TO LIFE.

5. UNLIKELY THAT ADVENT OF EITHER ASSEMBLY OR ELECTIONS WILL
CHANGE BASIC ALGERIAN POWER STRUCTURE BASED ON MILITARY.LYNE

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